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Dear Parent/Carer 2nd October 2024

Re: Guess What? Another Leak!!

I cannot quite believe that I am writing you again to explain that we have had another major leak in our school. Thankfully, this time it is not as dramatic as the last two and is not in the newly refurbished areas.

An overhead hot water feed pipe into the Opal (Nursery) toilet area, which runs through the ceiling cavity has developed a pin hole in the pipe and has been spraying water down the inside of the wall. This has caused the wall in Opal to 'blow' which means the wall is now bowing out over. I would like to reassure parents/carers that the electrics have all been double checked by a qualified electrician (AJS Services) who has confirmed that the electrics are totally safe in this area.

It has also caused significant damage to the ceiling and walls in the toilet area (other side of the same wall) and two sinks have come away from the wall as it has moved.

I have now met with the Insurance company's Loss Adjustor and the Project Manager for the work and we have agreed a plan of action which means that we will be able to keep our Nursery open. There may a couple of days (when the wet wall and ceiling are removed) when our children in Opal will be relocated to the Pearl Learning Zone but this will only be for a couple of days. The majority of the removal work, drying out process and refurbishment will be carried out without any disruption to the day to day operation of the school.

If anyone has any gueries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely Mrs D Cross

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